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SUBJECT: TARIFF ARTICLE WORKING GROUP

1. FOLLOW UP ON O'MELIA/SIMMS TELCON OF MAY 19 RE TARIFF
ARTICLE WORKING GROUP:

IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN POSITION THAT USG/CAB CANNOT COMMIT
ITSELF TO CONSULTATIONS OR DISCUSSIONS WITH UK WITH
RESPECT TO DISPOSITION OF PENDING IATA AGREEMENTS.

2. FIRST, IATA AGREEMENTS ARE MULTILATERAL IN NATURE AND
BILATERAL RESOLUTIONS ARE INAPPROPRIATE EXCEPT AS A LAST
RESORT WHEN IATA BREAKS DOWN. PRIOR BILATERAL DETERMINA-
TIONS ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSE OF IATA. ACCEPT-
ANCE OF THE BRITISH VIEWPOINT WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT, IF
ADOPTED IN OTHER BILATERAL AGREEMENTS, OF REPLACING THE
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PRESENT SYSTEM OF RATE AND FARE AGREEMENTS WITH AN INTER-
GOVERNMENTAL BILATERAL SYSTEM. ALTHOUGH WE MAY HAVE
SERIOUS OBJECTIONS TO IATA, BILATERAL SYSTEM WOULD BE UN-
WORKABLE.

3. SECOND, AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, COMMITMENTS TO DISCUSS
PENDING IATA AGREEMENTS WOULD INTERFERE WITH CAB STAFF

PROCESSING OF THOSE AGREEMENTS SINCE SAME PERSONNEL WOULD BE INVOLVED IN DISCUSSIONS AND EVALUATION. FURTHERMORE, IF

COMMITMENTS WERE MADE IN OTHER BILATERALS, THE LOGISTICS PROBLEM COULD BECOME TOTALLY UNMANAGEABLE.

4. THIRD, THE CONTINUING WORKING GROUP CONTEMPLATED UNDER THE TARIFF ARTICLE ADDENDUM PROVIDES A FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND DATA ON RATE MAKING ISSUES WHICH IS DESIGNED TO AVOID CONFRONTATIONS AND SOLVE THE PROBLEM THAT UK PROPOSES BE SOLVED THROUGH PRIOR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON IATA AGREEMENTS. CHRISTOPHER

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